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## **Bringing Families Home (BFH) Program**

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is excited to announce the implementation of a new housing program. The Bringing Families Home (BFH) program, created by Assembly Bill (AB) 1603 (Chapter 25, Statutes of 2016), is intended to help reduce the number of families in the child welfare system experiencing homelessness, to increase family reunification and prevent foster care placement.

- **Program Information**
  - The BFH Program targets families involved with the child welfare system who are experiencing homelessness and is designed to offer housing supports in order for families to successfully reunify.
  - County programs are required to utilize a Housing First model, including Rapid Rehousing or Supportive Housing, depending on the family's level of need.
  - Collaboration and coordination with homeless programs, child welfare, and juvenile dependency courts is critical to program success.
- The 2016-17 Budget Act allocated \$10 million that is available through June 2019. BFH is an optional state-funded program with a dollar-for-dollar county match requirement.
- The CDSS allocated BFH Programs funds in May 2017 to the following 12 County Child Welfare Agencies:

Kings	\$250,000
Los Angeles	\$2,580,300
Orange	\$357,450
Sacramento	\$860,100
San Diego	\$850,000
San Francisco	\$1,873,993
San Luis Obispo	\$856,907
Santa Clara	\$799,210
Santa Cruz	\$545,000
Solano	\$208,000
Sonoma	\$400,000
Yolo	\$112,500

Contact the Housing Branch at [housing@dss.ca.gov](mailto:housing@dss.ca.gov) or by phone at (916) 651-5234 for additional information about the Bringing Families Home Program.